GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:477
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PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS AND OIL
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of natural gas and crude oil produced in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether the production of crude oil is almost stagnant during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas (Shri Ram Naik)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question NO.477 for answer on 19.4.2001 regarding production of natural gas and oil

(a) The quantity of crude oil and natural gas produced in the country during the last three years was as follows:

Year	Crude oil (Million Metric Tonne)	Natural Gas (Billion Cubic Metre)
1998-99	32.70	27.43
1999-2000	31.93	28.45
2000-2001	32.45	29.47

(Provisional)

(b) & (c): The domestic crude oil production has been maintained at a steady level inspite of the following adverse factors:

(i) Major fields like Mumbai High are on the decline, which is a natural process in ageing fields.

(ii) No major discoveries could be made in the last 10-12 years.

(iii) Environmental problems, delays in obtaining land, power shortages, etc. in the North-Eastern Region which is a prospective area for oil and gas, have hampered exploration and production activities.